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**BUTTE COUNTY FELON CONVICTED OF UNLAWFUL FIREARM  
POSSESSION DURING HIGH SPEED CHASE**

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that DAVID ALLEN WILLIAMS, II, 25, formerly of Oroville, California, pled guilty to the crime of felon in possession of a firearm. WILLIAMS' guilty plea was entered this morning in Sacramento before United States District Judge Edward G. Garcia.

This case is the product of an extensive investigation by the Butte County Sheriff's Office, the Chico Police Department, the Oroville Police Department, and the office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation located in Chico, California.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Michelle Rodriguez, who is prosecuting the case, WILLIAMS was previously convicted by the State of California of felony vehicle theft. Having this prior felony conviction, WILLIAMS admitted today that on August 10, 2006 he possessed a 9mm Makarov pistol, and evaded officers during a high speed chase through heavy traffic at 7:25 p.m. WILLIAMS drove at speeds of over 80 mph through residential streets of the city of Oroville. When WILLIAMS' weapon was recovered at the scene where he was apprehended, the weapon was fully loaded and cocked in the firing position.

WILLIAMS was remanded after entry of his guilty plea. His sentencing is scheduled for January 12, 2007, and he faces a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, and a 3-year term of supervised release.

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